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SUMMARY: PRESS COMMENTARY INCLUDES EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION BY MUHAMMAD HAFIZ IN NADWA OF U.S. POLICIES TOWARD TURKEY AND PRAISE IN AL MADINA OF SAG ACTION TO ALLEGATIONS BRIBERY INVOLVED IN ARMS SALES TO KINGDOM.

1. NADWA - "TURKEY IS SUFFERING FROM A U.S. POSITION THAT DOES NOT CONFIRM WITH THE HUGE SACRIFICES SHE HAS MADE IN SERVING U.S. DEFENSE PLANS. PAKISTAN SUFFERED FROM THE SAME POLICY OF ITS AMERICAN ALLY. HOWEVER, TURKEY IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO ADOPT A STANCE THAT SHOULD PUT WASHINGTON BACK ON THE RIGHT
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COURSE. BY TAKING STEPS TOWARD CANCELLING 25 AMERICAN

MILITARY, INCLUDING NUCLEAR BASES. TURKEY IS ONLY PRACTICING HER RIGHT IN RIPOSTE FOR THE U.S. DECISION TO STOP SHIPPING ARMS TO TURKEY."

"WE SUPPORT TURKEY'S CLEAR AND RATIONALE POSITION. THE U.S. SHOULD NOT MISS THE CHANCE BEING OFFERED BY TURKEY. OTHERWISE AMERICA WILL LOSE MORE AND MORE."

2. AL MADINA: "THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION DID WELL IN RELEASING ITS STATEMENT OVER CHARGES OF BRIBERIES IN ARMS DEALS FOR OUR ARMED FORCES. THE MINISTRY HAD PUT AN END TO SLANDERS SPREAD BY FOREIGN DISTORTERS AND LIARS.... THE GOVERNMENT OF KING KHALID HAS REJECTED AND IS STILL REJECTING ANY ACTS OF BROKERAGE FOR PROVIDING THE SAUDI MILITARY WITH WEAPONS."
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